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SUBJECT: COMPARATIVE PRICES

FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANALYSIS OF YEN REVALUATION AND PASS-
THROUGH EFFECTS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING COMPARATIVE DATA ON A SHORT
SAMPLE OF INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES IN JAPAN VERSUS THE WORLD
MARKET. COMMODITIES INCLUDE: (1) A REFINED ALUMINUM
INGOT; (2) REFINED COPPER BAR; (3) NAPHTA; (4) POLYETHY-
LENE; (5) POLYSTYRENE; (6) ETHYLENE GLYCOL; (7) CAUSTIC
SODA; (8) DAP FERTILIZER; AND (9) PVC RESIN. PLEASE
INDICATE THE DOMESTIC SPOT MARKET PRICE IN YEN PER METRIC
TON OR KILOLITER, AND INTERNATIONAL MARKET C.I.F. JAPAN IN
YEN. ALSO PLEASE INDICATE FIGURES FOR TOTAL DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION AND TOTAL IMPORTS OF EACH COMMODITY, ON THE
BASIS MOST CONVENIENT TO EMBASSY THAT PROVIDES AT LEAST A
2 YEAR COVERAGE (I.E. Q1-78 VERSUS Q1-77, OR FIRST HALF
78 VERSUS FIRST HALF 77). WE UNDERSTAND THAT ACTUAL
TRANSACTIONS PRICE IS USUALLY DIFFERENT FROM QUOTED PRICE
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IN THE PRESS. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT JAPANESE OR LOCAL
FOREIGN TRADING COMPANIES FOR MARKET QUOTES. NEWSOM

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